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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S
MIDEAST VISIT

1. HUNGARIAN PRESS HAS GIVEN REGULAR AND FAIRLY EXTENSIVE
COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S MIDEAST TOUR. BEGINNING
WITH TRIP TO EGYPT, PRESS CARRIED EXTENSIVE, AND IN SOME
CASES FRONT-PAGE, COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND
SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WITH SADAT. MTI NEWS SERVICE ON JUNE 13
QUOTED EGYPTIANS AS "HAVING EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NIXON'S
VISIT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO CREATION OF JUST AND LASTING
PEACE IN MIDEAST AND TO STABILIZATION OF EGYPTIAN-US
RELATIONS". SAME ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED THAT EGYPTIANS
RECOGNIZED EFFORTS OF US TO "CONCRETELY SUPPORT
REALIZATION OF UNSC CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION".

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2. MOST PAPERS CARRIED REPORTS OF ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION IN EGYPT AND MAGYAR HIRLAP SAID PRESIDENT NIXON "RECEIVED SAME ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION AT ALEXANDRIA THAT HE HAD RECEIVED IN CAIRO". ALL NEWSPAPERS HAVE CONTINUED WITH EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF SAUDI ARABIAN, SYRIAN, ISRAELI, AND JORDANIAN STOPS. PROMINENT COVERAGE ACCORDED JUNE 18 TO REESTABLISHMENT OF US-SYRIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

3. NEGATIVE COMMENT INCLUDED MTI REPORT SAYING "ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT AND SPIRIT OF COMMENTS STRENGTHEN ILLUSION THAT FOLLOWING OCTOBER WAR BASIC CHANGE TOOK PLACE IN WASHINGTON'S MIDEAST STRATEGY AND THAT US, WHICH HAD BEEN BLIND SUPPORTER OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION, WENT FROM ONE DAY TO NEXT TO BECOME UNSELFISH FRIEND OF ARAB PEOPLE". NEPSZABADSAG JUNE 18 QUOTES AL GUMHURIJA ON DISAPPOINTMENT THAT NIXON DID NOT ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUTURE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT PARTICULARLY IN PRESSURING ISRAEL TO ACCEPT ARAB VIEWS ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

4. COVERAGE OF VISIT HAS ON THE WHOLE BEEN OBJECTIVE AND MUCH MORE POSITIVE THAN THAT GIVEN TO SECRETARY'S TROOP DISENGAGEMENT EFFORTS IN ISRAEL AND SYRIA. LAST WEEK AND HALF HAS SEEN REMARKABLE ABSENCE OF ARTICLES WARNING SADAT AND OTHER "PROGRESSIVE ARAB LEADERS" THAT US INTENTION TO UNDERMINE PROGRESSIVE ARAB REGIMES UNCHANGED.
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